

MINUTES OF THE
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD JULY 14, 2014
(Approved August 11, 2014)

The Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 14, 2014. Present for the meeting were supervisors Ray Kolb, Mariea Geho, W. Atlee Rinehart, Michael Albert Moyer, and Karen Nocella. Also present were Bernard A. Rodgers, Township Manager, Marjorie A. Brown, Township Solicitor, and Brady L. Flaharty, Township Engineer.

Mr. Kolb called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Ms. Brown stated that an executive session was held at 6:00 p.m. immediately preceding this meeting to discuss personnel matters, potential acquisition of real estate and legal advice from the Township Solicitor on various matters.

Hearings and Adoptions

Conditional Use Hearing – Real Pro Enterprises

Ms. Brown opened the public hearing for the Conditional Use Hearing for Real Pro Enterprises at 7:08 p.m.

Ms. Brown read correspondence dated July 12, 2014 received from Christen G. Pionzio of Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell and Lupin, PC, attorney for the applicant. The correspondence requested that the Board of Supervisors continue the Public Hearing and set a date certain for the continuance.

Mr. Kolb moved to continue the Conditional Use Hearing for Real Pro Enterprises to August 11, 2014. Mrs. Geho seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and the motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Ms. Brown closed the hearing at 7:12 p.m.

1. MINUTES

Minutes of June 9, 2014

Mrs. Geho moved to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2014 monthly meeting as presented.

Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Clean Water Act

Walter Woessner of 164 Schoolhouse Road asked if the Board was going to be taken any action on the Clean Water Act and Mr. Flaharty noted it may be something the Board may want to look into.

Mr. Rinehart moved to authorize the Township Manager to send a letter to the Congressman stating that East Coventry Township is opposed to the Clean Water Act. Mr. Moyer seconded

the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-1 vote with Mrs. Nocella abstaining due to lack of information.

3. REPORTS

Township Manager's Report

Municipal Pension Plans

Mr. Rodgers discussed the information that was provided in the meeting packets which included the most recent Act 205 Actuarial Studies and GASB-25 Reports for the Police and Non-uniformed Employees pension plans. He also reviewed a checklist from PMRS for the Township to start a Cash Balance Pension Plan for all full-time non uniformed employees hired after September 1, 2014. Current non-uniformed employees would remain covered by the existing defined benefit plan but that plan would be closed to any new employees. It was noted that the proposed cash balance plan would require employees to contribute 5% of their compensation to the plan as well as the Township. Other benefits and requirements of the plan would be very similar to the current defined benefit plan. Employee contributions would be limited to a maximum of 20% of their compensation (5% mandatory and 15% voluntary).

Mr. Rinehart moved to proceed with the proposed cash balance municipal pension plan for non-uniform employees to be effective September 1, 2014 for new employees. Mrs. Geho seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Natural Lands Trust Strategic Open Space, Trails and Recreation Implementation Plan

Mr. Rodgers reviewed a proposal from Natural Lands Trust to provide a Strategic Open Space, Trails and Recreation Implementation Plan for the cost of \$48,000.00. He noted that the proposal included the cost of applying to Chester County for a matching grant to help pay for the study. Mr. Moyer noted his concern regarding not knowing the amount the township may possibly get from grants prior to signing the agreement with Natural Lands Trust.

Mr. Moyer moved to not engage the services of Natural Lands Trust for the Strategic Open Space, Trails and Recreation Implementation Plan until the amount of the grant monies is determined. After further discussion Mr. Moyer withdrew his motion.

Mrs. Geho moved to accept the proposal from Natural Lands Trust for doing the Strategic Open Space, Trails and Recreation Implementation Plan. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-1-0 vote with Mr. Moyer voting no.

Natural Lands Trust – Township Planner

Mr. Rodgers explained that the Township was currently without benefit of a Township Planner due to employment changes at ARRO Consulting Engineers. He recommended that the Board appoint Natural Lands Trust as Township Planner per its proposal, including Rate Schedule, dated July 3, 2014. Mrs. Geho moved to appoint Natural Lands Trust as the Township Planner. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Township Engineer's Report

Mr. Rinehart moved to approve the Township Engineer's report. Mrs. Geho seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Reports from Various Departments and Committees

Mrs. Geho moved to approve the reports from the various departments and committees. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

4. SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENTS

Coventry Glen – Release of Maintenance Bond

Mr. Flaharty brought to the Board's attention a email that received by the Township Manager today questioning the watering and survival of landscaping/trees that were recently planted and the starting hours of workers from the Township's contractor. After a discussion, Mr. Kolb moved to send a letter to the Homeowner's Association for Coventry Glen to inform them that the maintenance period ended today and that the HOA or lot owner, respectively, would be responsible for watering the landscaping/trees on their properties as well as all future maintenance. Mrs. Geho seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Mrs. Geho moved to release the Maintenance Bond for Coventry Glen in accordance with ARRO Consulting, Inc. correspondence dated July 14, 2014. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Walnut Springs Farm

Mrs. Geho moved to approve Escrow Release No. 16 for Walnut Springs Farm for the amount of \$4,638.82 in accordance with ARRO Consulting, Inc. correspondence dated June 18, 2014. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Mr. Rinehart moved to approve Escrow Release No. 17 for Walnut Springs Farm for the amount of \$50,000.00 in accordance with ARRO Consulting, Inc. correspondence dated July 9, 2014. Mrs. Geho seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

5. ZONING HEARING BOARD APPLICATIONS

Fairway Farm

There was discussion regarding the Zoning Hearing Board application for a variance for the Fairway Farm project.

After considerable discussion, Mr. Moyer moved to authorize the Township Solicitor to represent the Board of Supervisors at the Zoning Hearing and relay their opposition of the variance requested for Fairway Farm. Mrs. Geho seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 3-2-0 vote with Mr. Kolb and Mr. Rinehart voting no.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

PennDot Winter Services Agreement

Mr. Kolb moved to approve the 2014/2015 PennDot Winter Services Agreement for the amount of \$7,931.19. Mrs. Geho seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Fire Police Requests

Mr. Kolb moved to ratify approval of fire police request for the firefighter memorial held June 14, 2014 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0.

Mr. Kolb moved to approve fire police request for National Night Out for St. Peters UCC on August 5, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0.

Mr. Kolb moved to approve fire police request for the Kimberton Fair for July 21-26, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0.

Exonerations and Exemptions

Mr. Moyer read the exonerations and exemptions as presented by the Tax Collector.

Mrs. Geho moved to approve the exonerations and exemptions as presented. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

7. PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Mrs. Geho moved to pay bills as presented:

General Fund	\$215,448.57
Fire Hydrant Fund	\$472.94
Sewer Operating Fund	\$11,990.51
Traffic Impact Fee Fund	\$8,402.88
<u>Highway State Aid Fund</u>	<u>\$9,708.90</u>
	\$246,023.80

Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

8. ADDITIONAL ITEMS BROUGHT TO THE BOARD

Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee

Mr. Kolb thanked the Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee for all their hard work for Community Day and noted that Community Day went well.

Volunteer

Mr. Rodgers noted a volunteer application received from Bill Keller and suggested that Mr. Keller fill the alternate position on the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Rodgers will contact Mr. Keller and inquire if he is interested in serving as the Zoning Hearing Board alternate.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Geho moved to adjourn the monthly meeting at 8:15 p.m. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard A. Rodgers
Township Secretary